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SUBJECT: INTERVENTOR OUSTED IN CORDORBA: LUDER MOVES TOWARD  
NORMALIZATION OF PROVINCES

REF: BUENOS AIRES 3498

1. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED "TERMINATION" OF RAUL LACABANNE AS FEDERAL INTERVENTOR IN CORDOBA. LUDER REPORTEDLY HAD ASKED LACABANNE TWO DAYS AGO TO RESIGN. WHEN LATTER REFUSED, LUDER FIRED HIM AND NAMED RAUL BERCOVICH RODRIGUEZ AS REPLACEMENT. UNTIL BERCOVICH TAKES UP NEW DUTIES, HOWEVER, GEN BENJAMIN MENENDEZ, COMMANDER OF THIRD CORPS, WILL ACT AS INTERIM INTERVENTOR. BERCOVICH IS UNKNOWN TO EMBASSY. WE WILL FORWARD BIO INFO AS IT IS DEVELOPED.

2. LACABANNE, AN OLD-LINE FASCIST FIRST IDENTIFIED WITH COL. OSINDE AND THEN WITH LOPEZ REGA, HAS BEEN AN ANOMALY SINCE LATTER'S OUSTER, AND EVEN BEFORE THAT HE HAD BEEN RUMORED TO BE ON WAY OUT. HE WAS PARIAH TO OPPOSITION PARTIES, AS WELL AS TO MOST PERONISTS. HENCE, HIS OUSTER WAS PREREQUISITE FOR ANY SORT OF NORMALIZATION PROCESS IN CORDOBA.

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3. LUDER HAS INDICATED SEVERAL TIMES IN PAST FEW DAYS THAT HE WANTS TO BRING INTERVENTIONS IN PROVINCES TO AN END. PROBABLY AT LUDER'S REQUEST, SEN ALBERTO FONROUGE THIS WEEK PROPOSED MEASURE TO END INTERVENTIONS AND NORMALIZE SITUATION OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH IN CORDOBA AND SANTA CRUZ (LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIAL BRANCHES IN THOSE TWO PROVINCES ARE NOT INTERVENTED).

4. DESPITE LACABANNE'S FREQUENT CLAIMS TO HAVE WIPED OUT TERRORISM, IT IS STILL AN ACUTE PROBLEM IN CORDOBA. MOVE TOWARDS NORMALIZATION, IF IN FACT CARRIED OUT, IS NOT MEANT TO SUGGEST THAT IT IS NOT; RATHER, LUDER DOUBTLESS HOPES TO THEREBY STRENGTHEN GOVERNMENT'S HAND AGAINST TERRORISM, REASONING THAT PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES SUPPORTED BY THE PEOPLE AND INSTITUTIONS CAN MAKE A BETTER SHOWING THAN AN INTERVENTOR DESPISED BY ALMOST ALL.  
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